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AFTER ROMANCE BLOSSOMS ABOARD A BUS, MTA BUS OPERATOR WEDS PASSENGER ABOARD BUS

An MTA bus operator and former Vietnam veteran chose today, Veterans' Day, to tie the knot in style – aboard an MTA bus. He met his bride-to-be six years ago on a bus.

In memory of the event which brought the pair together, operator Victor Mironas insisted that the wedding take place on a bus. At a late morning ceremony, the bride, Wendy Judith Kerek, entered through the rear door and walked up the aisle to take her vows near the driver's seat.

Afterward, the 10-year veteran operator and his wife were toasted by fellow operators at the Brookside Country Club in Pasadena.

The two met in 1990 when Mironas drove Line 160 and Kerek boarded the bus at Laurel Canyon and Victory Blvd. The relationship blossomed after several stops.

The commendation-laden Mironas is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He enlisted in the Navy in 1963 as a medic, but when the war escalated he was transferred to the Marines and served an 11-month tour of duty. He was cited for bravery, nominated for a Navy Silver Star, and was the recipient of a Purple Heart.

The pair will reside in Tujunga.

"It's a pleasure to provide them with a bus for the ceremony," said Michael Henderson, deputy manager and Mironas' boss. Isn't it nice to know that good things still happen, even on a bus!"

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